

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are active in the present application. Claims 38-42 are new claims. Support for the new claims is found in the original claims. The original claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

--3. (Amended) A pretreatment method according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein said enzyme is cholesterol oxidase or cholesterol dehydrogenase.

5. (Amended) A method for quantitating cholesterol existing in a specific lipoprotein in a sample, which comprises causing an enzyme, which acts upon free cholesterol as a substrate, and a reaction accelerator, which is selected from the flufenamic acid, mefenamic acid, 2,2',6',2''-terpyridine, tiglic acid, fusidic acid, betamethasone acetate, monesin or mevinlin, to act upon said sample with said lipoprotein contained therein to consume only said free cholesterol under conditions that said lipoproteins remain substantially unchanged; and then measuring said cholesterol, which exists in said specific lipoprotein, by using a substance which acts upon said specific lipoprotein only.

6. (Amended) A quantitation method according to claim 4 [or 5], wherein said enzyme is cholesterol oxidase and/or cholesterol dehydrogenase.

7. (Amended) A quantitation method according to [any one of claims 4-6] claim 4, wherein said specific lipoprotein is high density lipoprotein.

12. (Amended) A pretreatment agent according to [any one of claims 8-10] claim 8, wherein said enzyme is cholesterol dehydrogenase or cholesterol oxidase.

Claims 38-42 (New).--